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1. AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL, MISSION CONTACTED HUMAN RIGHTS SECRETARIAT REGARDING PUBLICATION OF DOCUMENTS FOR 33RD SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EARLIEST AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE REFERRED TO IN THE DEPARTMENT'S CABLE, THE HRC DIVISION GAVE THE FOLLOWING REPLIES:

A. REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CHILE (ITEM 5): THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN MID-FEBRUARY. IT WILL BE PREPARED FOLLOWING THE MEETING OF THE AD HOC GROUP WHICH BEGINS JANUARY 17.

B. THE REPORT OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA (ITEM 6A): THE EXPERTS MEETING WILL BEGIN

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JAN 10. THE REPORT (APPROXIMATELY 250 PAGES) WILL BE ISSUED NEAR THE END OF JANUARY.

C. REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HRC RESOLUTION 4 (XXXII) ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN CYPRUS (ITEM 12A): THE REPORT IS BEING PRODUCED IN NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS NOT GENEVA. IT WILL INCLUDE LETTERS FROM THE "PARTIES CONCERNED." NO

DISTRIBUTION DATE WAS AVAILABLE. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONTACT NY SECT OFFICE OF SPECIAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF RECEIVING AN ADVANCE COPY.

D. REPORT ON THE ROLE OF YOUTH (ITEM 14A): TRANSLATORS ARE NOW WORKING WITH DOCUMENT. IT IS EXPECTED THAT IT WILL BE AVAILABLE JANUARY 25.

2. REGARDING THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE 33RD HRC SESSION, THE EXPECTATION IS THAT ALEKSANDAR BOZOVIC (YUGOSLAVIA) WILL BE ELECTED.

3. DOCUMENTS FOR THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PERIODIC REPORTS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WILL BE AVAILABLE BETWEEN JANUARY 10-15 ACCORDING TO SECRETARIAT. THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR MEETING IS BEING SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT IN THE NEXT POUCH (JANUARY 7). PERIODIC REPORTS WHICH WILL BE USED IN ITEM 3A HAVE BEEN REGULARLY AND PROMPTLY POUCHEO TO DEPARTMENT (E/CN.4/1214 AND ADDENDA) AND E/CN.4/1215 AND ADD. 1 TO 3).

4. AWARE OF THE PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION DELAYS WHICH OCCURRED BEFORE THE 32ND SESSION OF THE CHR, THE MISSION BEGAN INQUIRING ABOUT DOCUMENTS FOR THE 33RD SESSION IN NOVEMBER. OF COURSE NOTHING WAS AVAILABLE. THE DECEMBER HOLIDAYS IN GENEVA CREATED FURTHER DELAYS. AND, ACCORDING TO HRC DIRECTOR SCHREIBER, REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES ARE ALWAYS DELAYED BECAUSE TO SAVE MONEY THESE GROUPS ARE PERMITTED TO MEET ONLY A FEW WEEKS BEFORE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHR SESSION WHICH MEANS DOCUMENTS CANNOT BE PRODUCED IN ADVANCE. REGARDLESS OF EXCUSES THE MISSION WILL CONTINUE TO PRESSURE HUMAN RIGHTS DEVISION FOR EARLIER PUBLICATION OF DOCUMENTS.ABRAMS

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